

In claim 15 after the words "wherein the first end disks and the second end disk comprise a plurality of slots along their respective perimeters" insert ---, the slots of the first end disk being aligned respect to the slots of the second end disk---.

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after the words

In claim 16 "wherein the ultrasonic unit engages the" insert ---bottom of the---

In claim 16 after the words "the first and second end disks are spaced apart by a shaft" insert ---engaging said end disks along said center axis---

In claim 16 replace the words "at least one slot" after the words "wherein the first end disk comprises" by the word ---slots---

In claim 16 replace the words "a closed slot" after the words "having closed ends to form" by the words ---closed slots---

In claim 16 replace the words "at least one slot comprising an open end" after the words "wherein the second end disk comprises" by the words ---slots having open ends---

Response to amendment

2. All previous rejections and objections have been overcome by the amendment, filed 01/04/2007 in combination with the Examiner's amendment and the said objections and rejections are withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

3. Claims 2, 3, 5-13, 15-18 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Alternately, one or both end disks 44a, 44b may be fixed to the shaft 46. The shaft 46 preferably has flat sides 52, but may also have rounded sides. In the preferred embodiment, the shaft 46 comprises four flat sides that are approximately three inches in width each, and engages the end disk 44a by way of a recess block 56 that may be disposed on the inside face 58 of at least one of the end disks 44a or may be disposed in an opening in the end disk 44a to interface with the front and back face of the end disk 44a. One or both ends of the shaft 54a, 54b may sit in respective recess blocks 56 or similar structures, may protrude through the recess block 56, or they may fit through an opening in the disk 44b (not shown) to an outside face 60 of the end disk 44b. In an alternate embodiment, an opposite end of the shaft 54b may engage the opposite end disk 44b by way of a brace assembly 96 (FIG. 8). Alternately, the opposite end of the shaft 54b may engage the end disk 44b by other suitable means known in the art, such as welding, bolts brackets or adhesives.

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7. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment, at least one, and preferably a pair of seating elements 62 engages the outside face 60 of the disk 44b and one of the shaft ends 54 so that the fixture assembly 42 rotatably engages with a complementary receiving element 64 disposed on the tub 30 or on the housing 12.